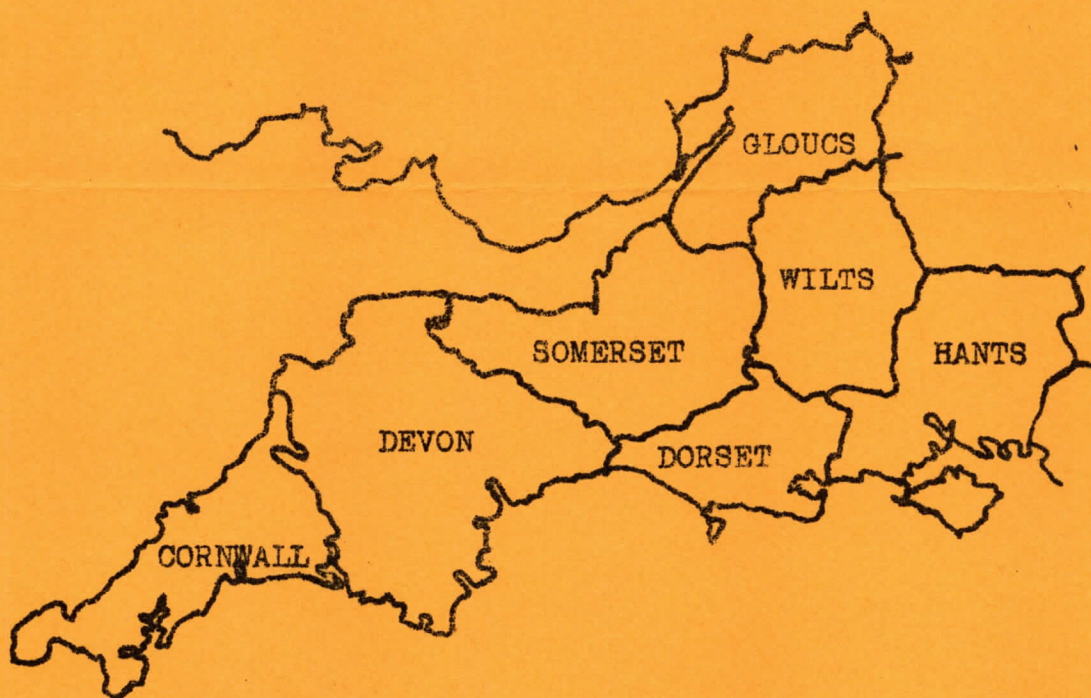


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EDITORIAL.

I apologise for the late publication of this issue, mainly due to a close and tragic death a few weeks ago in my wife's family, when I had to look after the children, while Irene (my wife) spent her time with her family.

I also thought that to give the League Table positions half way through the season would be the ideal time to publish this issue.

I would like to thank the people who gave me encouragement in the production of the first magazine. It takes a lot more work than I thought and to try and keep to the standard set by Mr. Kilminster, certainly takes some doing. I hope that every Club in the Union had a copy of the last Westward Ho, which were distributed through the County Secretaries. I am trying to keep the Westward Ho local, with all the results, Tables and news which has been sent from the Union Area.

Letter from Westward Television:

Thank you for your letter enclosing the copy of "Westward Ho".

I am pleased to learn thatt the programme, "Checkmate" is of such help to young people learning to play chess.

Thank you for taking the trouble to write to us.

UNION INFLUENCE AT B.C.F. LEVEL.

Probably there has never been as much representation on B.C.F. Committees from the Western Union as exists today - and from the Unions angle this is good news. Congratulations to the following for all the hard work they have and are putting in to keep the Union Flag flying:-

R.H. Newman - Chairman Development Committee (the Development Committee is the "Think Tank" of the B.C.F. and recommends all policy present and future for the Executive Committee.

Mrs. M.E.E. Clarke - Chairman B.C.F. Congress Committee.

Peter H. Clarke - International Committee.

David Jarrett - Vice Chairman of the Junior Committee and normally attends as Union representative on Finance Committee.

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(Incidentally Mr. Newman's and Mrs. Clarke's appointment automatically gives them a seat on the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee - so we are well represented on both those)

ABSTRACTS..... from decisions of the November meeting of the BCF Executive Committee: a BCF Library to be established at the General Secretary's office; from 1977 the British Ladies' Champion to be entitled to a place in the British Championship; £25 prize for the highest-placed BQC qualifier in the British Championship, £15 prize for the highest-placed BQC qualifier who competed in the County stage; travel grants doubled for the final stages of the Counties and Minor Counties Championships; a BCF team will compete in the Haifa Olympiad (October 1976) provided that the political situation does not deteriorate.

GRADING..... the following is taken by permission from the Minutes of Federations Grading Committee, recently endorsed by the Executive Committee -

"Tournaments with 'sudden death' finishes can be graded provided that:-

(i) at least 10 min. are allowed to each player after a 48 move session, or
at least 15 min. are allowed to each player after a 40 move session,

and (ii) the controller has discretion to declare a game drawn when he considers that neither player could win with a normal time limit".

B.C.F. REGISTRATIONS, LEVIES, BOARD FEES AND OTHER ATTENDANT HORRORS! !

by Ralph Newman.

Match Captain W.E.C.U.

A tremendous battle was won - not on the chess board - but at BCF Executive level giving the Western Union the absolute right to handle its own registration and levy matters and Mr. Wade has done a tremendous job in his new post as Union Registration Officer. All Counties voted unanimously to get this tricky bit of legislation through as it gives the Union the right to protect its own Counties and their members. When the announcement was made all Counties were delighted.

Alas ! Unfortunately it would appear that either Union County delegates do not report back to their Counties or else the Westward Ho! edition of September 1975 has never been read. Some counties are still sending money direct to the BCF.

In addition some Counties are sending board fees direct to the BCF instead of either to me or the Union Treasurer, Mr. Grant.

Will all County Secretaries please note that ALL REGISTRATION matters including finance should be sent to Mr. A.J.L. Wade, "Linton", Kingsgate Close, Brunel Park, Torquay and all board fees to either me or the Union Treasurer.

It is also pointed out that County Adjudications should be sent direct to Mr. G.D. Self or Kintail, 115 Tumulus Road, Saltdean, Brighton BN28HG. Match Captains are particularly requested to comply with this as I have just received two adjudications from a December 7th. match which has been to Norwich and Camborne and now despatched to Brighton.

The Editor would appreciate it if Match Captains put players gradings on result sheets before forwarding them to the West of England Match Captain.

BRISTOL: Mr. Cyril Welch, life member of the BCF and Hon. Life President of WECH has retired as chess columnist of the 'Western Daily Press', the Bristol and West Country morning newspaper.

Mr. Welch, now 74, has been writing his column for 20 years. He learned to play the game as a boy in the First World War and from then on it became a life time passion. He was a leading West Country player for many years, winning the Bristol & Clifton championship a record eleven times and two years ago was still graded over 170 and a formidable player in Bristol chess. He was a founder member of the West of England Chess Association and organised their first championship virtually single-handed, in later years winning it himself.

His opinions and analyses have always been, and still are, much respected by players at the highest level in the game.

He is the first to acknowledge the help and devotion he has had from his wife, Doris, in the 47 years of their married life. She has checked his writings for typing errors in all his years as a columnist, and recalls, with nostalgia, the earlier years of their chess life together when wives would accompany husbands to congresses and tournaments, there to enjoy the pleasures of the resorts whilst the menfolk sweated it out in the wee sma' hours, maintaining, all the time that they were doing it for pleasure!

Mr. Welch is, by no means, giving up all his varied interests in the game and, among others, will be continuing as Grading Officer for Bristol and District and adjudicator for local junior chess.

CORRECTIONS TO THE 1975 WEST OF ENGLAND GRADING LIST.

These amendments have come about as the result of late information, and errors that have come to light due to comments received. I thank all those who have brought these errors to my notice.

Additions.

- 168* Compton, .J.M. (Portel, Southampton.)
- 120 Hickman T. (Issonians, Southampton)
- 142 Higgins R. (Sarisbury Green).
- 127 Hill, T.J. (Southampton University)
- 117 Ozamiz J (Southampton)
- 136 White M.J. (Winchester)
- 134* Wools F. (Newport I.O.W.)

Corrections

- 147* Collins J.W. (Yatton) not 14 *
- 90 Freeke R. (Yeovil) not 96
- 145*J Hick M.A. (Taunton) not 181*J
- 196* Kwiatkowski F. (Bristol Univ.) not 191*
- 197* O'Sullivan B.F. (Southampton/Islington) not 193*
- 206* Thomas A.R.B. (Tiverton) not 206
- 88J West Miss S. (Langstone School, Ports) not 105*J
G.W. Oliver to read W.G. Oliver.

My apologies go to Messrs. Freeke & Hick, also to Miss West for reducing their grades. I hope they will recover the loss in the next list.

F.C. Kingdon.
WECU Grading Officer.

W.E.C.U. Fixture List.

I must apologise for the W.E.C.U. Fixtures not corresponding with the BCF Chess Calendar. I will endeavour to put this right next season.

HONOUR YOUR OBLIGATIONS!!

WEST OF ENGLAND GRADED JAMBOREE. 4th. October 1975.

The North Devon team Match Captain, Mr. G. Kidd, went to a good deal of time and trouble (not to mention expense in telephone calls, etc.) in order to produce the best possible team for this important contest. It was disappointing, to put it mildly, when at the start of play no less than four of his team had not turned up. Eventually two arrived late and were able to play, the other two defaulting. By these two defaults, not only did they lose two valuable points, but the match captain had to pay their board fees and contributions to the tea out of his own pocket, and also that of their opponents as they, angry at having travelled many miles for no play, refused to pay. For the first of these graded Jamborees two years ago North Devon came first without a loss on any of the boards, this year the team came last, scoring only $3\frac{1}{2}$ points,

Results: Plymouth 8 (including 3 won by default), Torbay and Dorset 7, Somerset $6\frac{1}{2}$, Exeter 6, Cornwall 4, North Devon $3\frac{1}{2}$.

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP 1975/76

Round 1. Results.

Teignmouth $2\frac{1}{2}$ Exmouth $3\frac{1}{2}$; Plymouth $3\frac{1}{2}$; Torquay $2\frac{1}{2}$; Southampton $3\frac{1}{2}$; Portsmouth $2\frac{1}{2}$; Hereford $2\frac{1}{2}$; Bristol University $3\frac{1}{2}$; Camborne/Redruth 2; Exeter 4; Gosport 2; Parkstone 4; Southampton University 4; Gosham 2; Bristol, Clifton 2; Downend and Fishpond 4.

Round 2.

Plymouth 3; Exeter 3; (Exeter Won on Board Count.)

ENGLISH COUNTIES (Harold Meek) as at 31.12.75.

(Not including Matches with adjudicating games)

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | Pts. |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|------|
| Devon | 3 | 3 | - | - | 6 |
| Hampshire | 2 | 2 | - | - | 4 |
| Gloucestershire | 2 | 1 | 1 | D | 3 |
| Somerset | 3 | 1 | - | 2 | 2 |
| Wiltshire | 3 | 1 | - | 2 | 2 |
| Dorset | 2 | D | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Cornwall | 3 | - | - | 3 | - |

Minor Counties (Wayling Cup) As at 31.12.75

(Not including matches with adjudicating games)

| | P. | W | D | L | Pts. |
|-----------------|----|---|---|---|------|
| Somerset | 2 | 2 | - | 0 | 4 |
| Gloucestershire | 1 | 1 | - | - | 2 |
| Hampshire | 1 | 1 | - | - | 2 |
| Devon | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | 2 |
| Dorset | 2 | - | - | 2 | - |
| Wiltshire | 2 | - | - | 2 | - |

COUNTY MATCHES.

Championship and Minor Counties. Match played at Southampton on October 18th. 1975 between Hampshire and Dorset. Dorset had White on the odd boards.

English Counties.

| | <u>Hampshire</u> | | | <u>Dorset.</u> | | |
|-----|------------------|---------------|---------|----------------|--|---------------|
| 1. | P.J. Lee | 1 | 196-182 | J. Anderson | | 0 |
| 2. | A. Brameld | 1 | 194-197 | I. Roebuck | | 0 |
| 3. | D. Kewley | 0 | 184 | R. Mann | | 1 |
| 4. | M. Newbury | 0 | 190-181 | P. Merrett | | 1 |
| 5. | M. Thompson | 1 | 186-174 | H. Needham | | 0 |
| 6. | A. Cullinane | 1 | 188-169 | R. Ellison | | 0 |
| 7. | K. Gregory | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 182-168 | M. Roth | | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 8. | A. Killick | 0 | 180-168 | R. Valentine | | 1 |
| 9. | P. Andrews | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 174-167 | R. Burton | | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 10. | A. Le Fevre | 1 | 174-163 | A. Pike | | 0 |
| 11. | J. Peters | 0 | 172-162 | S. Street | | 1 |
| 12. | P. Mitchell | 0 | 171-161 | D.P. Lock | | 1 |

| | | | | | |
|-----|-------------|---------------|---------|-------------|---------------|
| 13. | W.J. Yeeles | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 171-160 | F. Kingdon | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 14. | A. Berry | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 169-160 | J. Marsh | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 15. | D. Bower | 1 | 169-159 | P. Dearlove | 0 |
| 16. | D.W. Bell | 1 | 168-157 | S. Shutler | 0 |
| | | <u>9</u> | | | <u>7</u> |

Minor Counties.

| | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|---------------|---------|-------------------|---------------|
| 17. | M. Charter | 0 | 167-158 | D. Bevis | 1 |
| 18. | P. Hackman | 0 | 163-156 | E. Chandler | 1 |
| 19. | S. Dean | 0 | 162-155 | J. Tilney-Bassett | 1 |
| 20. | A. Barton | 0 | 162- | D. Watson | 1 |
| 21. | L. Walters | 1 | 162-129 | W. Shutler | 0 |
| 22. | A. Crossin | 1 | 161-150 | P. Anderson | 0 |
| 23. | W. Silber | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 161-147 | F. Wallace | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 24. | P. Marshall | 1 | 159-146 | B. Broadhouse | 0 |
| 25. | D. Drew | 0 | 157-145 | D.W. Lock | 1 |
| 26. | R. Walsisley | 1 | 157-143 | H. Dulson | 0 |
| 27. | K. Davies | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 151-144 | R. Daum | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 28. | D. Pletcher | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 151-144 | E. Twamley | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 29. | S. Chivers | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 150-137 | H. Holmes | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 30. | A. Griffiths | 1 | 132- | M. Caulfield | 0 |
| 31. | P. Freeman | 1 | 148-132 | R. Perrin | 0 |
| 32. | D. Beer | 1 | 146-140 | E. Clarke | 0 |
| | | <u>9</u> | | | <u>7</u> |

Western Cornwall E.C.C. Competition. Match played at Plymouth on Saturday 25th. October, 1975 between Devon and Cornwall. Cornwall had White on the odd boards.

English Counties.

| | <u>Devon.</u> | | <u>Cornwall.</u> | | |
|-----|-----------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1. | P. Waters | 1 | 206-217 | P.H. Clarke | 0 |
| 2. | L.P. Legg | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 181-169 | J. Anstead | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3. | R.A. Moss | 0 | 176-159 | R.J. Grime | 1 |
| 4. | R.M. Bruce | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 171-162 | P. Day | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5. | K. Schofield | 0 | 170-161 | P. Breach | 1 |
| 6. | R. Heasman | 1 | 177-169 | Mrs. M.E. Clarke | 0 |
| 7. | P. Walden | 1 | 162-152 | A.W. Busby | 0 |
| 8. | B.W. Clapp | 1 | 167-150 | A.J. Gunn | 0 |
| 9. | R.H.T. Newman | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 166-149 | S. Shirley | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 10. | Mrs. R.M. Bruce | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 159-157 | M. Watkins | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 11. | I.K. Gross | 1 | Ung. | Dr. K. Gay | 0 |
| 12. | R. Liggitt | 1 | 146-148 | Dr. C. Tylor | 0 |
| 13. | S.R. Boniface | 1 | 159-134 | L.G. Shroll | 0 |
| 14. | J. Hutchings | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 155-146 | J.R. Read | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 15. | S. Williams | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 152-137 | J. Hampton | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 16. | K.J. Bloodworth | 1 | 145-121 | W.H. Peek | 0 |
| | | <u>11</u> | | | <u>5</u> |

West of England. Match played at Swindon on 25th. October 1975 between Somerset and Wiltshire.

| | <u>Somerset</u> | | <u>Wiltshire</u> | | |
|-----|-----------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1. | R. Northage | 1 | 193-185 | S. Taulbut | 0 |
| 2. | C. Parsons | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 156- | A. Millington | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3. | R.W. Gregory | 1 | 165-150 | M.M. Spinder (Senior) | 0 |
| 4. | K. Shipton | 1 | 167-163 | W. Lowe | 0 |
| 5. | A. Borkowski | 0 | 157 | R.F. Bradley | 1 |
| 6. | D. Mick | 1 | 158-150 | R Lane | 0 |
| 7. | D. Neagle | 1 | 159-156 | P. Cooley | 0 |
| 8. | M. Sellars | 1 | 157-140 | S.C. Baker | 0 |
| 9. | G. Jepps | 0 | 155-144 | J. Denning | 1 |
| 10. | B. Crouter | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 155-152 | P. Barker | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 11. | B. King | 1 | 163-152 | P. Edgington | 0 |
| 12. | C. Winch | 1 | 153-145 | B. Walker | 0 |
| 13. | T. Headlong | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 156-153 | C. Sowden | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 14. | C. Lasper | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 154-149 | T. Higgs | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 15. | S. Brocklesby | 1 | 149-132 | D. Ward | 0 |
| 16. | A. Roberts | 1 | -136 | M.C. Lovell | 0 |
| | | <u>12</u> | | | <u>4</u> |

| <u>Minor Counties.</u> | <u>Somerset.</u> | <u>Wiltshire.</u> | | |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 17. R. Gray | 1 | 150-118 | L. Peach | 0 |
| 18. D. Woodruff | 1 | 148 | C. Szentmihaly | 0 |
| 19. J. Fewkes | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 148-143 | Z. Wodjewodka | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 20. D. Byron | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 146-148 | Maj. W.E. Bruges | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 21. R. Maishman | 0 | 144-147 | T. Dodson | 1 |
| 22. D. Adams | 1 | 146-130 | M. McCaugherty | 0 |
| 23. J. Hornby | 0 | 141-125 | J. Renahan | 1 |
| 24. D. White | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 128 | M. Wakefield | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 25. C. Stanford | 1 | 130- | Peter O'Driscoll(J) | 0 |
| 26. R. Morgan | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 143- | Pat O'Driscoll(J) | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 27. M. Hick | 1 | 145-103 | J. Reynolds | 0 |
| 28. D. Bagshaw | 1 | 138-126 | R. Allen | 0 |
| 29. K. Hillier | 1 | 130-121 | A. Dawkins | 0 |
| 30. K. Jones | 0 | 110-122 | M. Higgs (J) | 1 |
| 31. D. Collins | 1 | 129- | J. Johnston | 0 |
| 32. N. Maishman | 1 | 122-138 | L. Taylor | 0 |
| | <u>11</u> | | | <u>5</u> |

W.E.C.U. - Wiltshire.

Senior Championships. Match played at Exeter on Saturday 15th. November, 1975 between Wiltshire and Cornwall.

| <u>English Counties.</u> | <u>Wiltshire.</u> | <u>Cornwall.</u> | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. A. Millington | 0 | -217 | P.H. Clarke | 1. |
| 2. S. Taulbut | 1 | 185-157 | R.J. Grime | 0 |
| 3. P.R. Watson | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 171,169 | J. Anstead | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 4. M.A. Spindler | 1 | 175-161 | P. Breach | 0 |
| 5. W. Lowe | 1 | 163-169 | Mrs. M. Clarke | 0 |
| 6. R.F. Bradley | 1 | 157-162 | P. Day | 0 |
| 7. R. Robson | 0 | -157 | M. Watkins | 1 |
| 8. B. Walker | 1 | 145- | Dr. K. Gay | 0 |
| 9. R. Lane | 0 | 150-149 | S. Shirley | 1 |
| 10. P. Cooley | 1 | 156-148 | Dr. C. Tylor | 0 |
| 11. P. Edgington | 1 | 152-150 | A.J. Gunn | 0 |
| 12. M.M. Spindler | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 150-146 | J.R. Read | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 13. T. Dodson | 0 | 147-139 | A.H. Knight | 1 |
| 14. Maj. W.E. Bruges | 1 | 148-134 | L.G. Shroll | 0 |
| 15. D. Ward | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 132-137 | J. Hampton | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 16. C. Szentmihaly | 1 | -121 | W.H. Peek | 0 |
| | <u>10$\frac{1}{2}$</u> | | | <u>5$\frac{1}{2}$</u> |

West of England Chess Union.

Dorset v Gloucestershire at Frome on 15th. November, 1975.

Dorset had White on the odd numbered boards.

| <u>English Counties.</u> | <u>Dorset.</u> | <u>Gloucestershire.</u> | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. J. Anderson | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 182-187 | Dr. J.M. Aitken | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2. Dr. I. Roebuck | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 197-187 | P.J. Meade | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3. R.H.K. Mann | 0 | 184-188 | M.E. Brigden | 1 |
| 4. Dr. P. Merrett | 1 | 181-188 | D. Osborne | 0 |
| 5. M.J. Roth | 0 | 168-184 | M. Burn | 1 |
| 6. S. Street | 0 | 162-180 | M.I. Davies | 1 |
| 7. R. Burton | 0 | 167-177 | R.O. Powis | 1 |
| 8. D.P. Lock | 1 | 161-184 | S.W. Dilke | 0 |
| 9. F.C. Kingdon | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 160-171 | M.E. Poolake | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 10. D.K. Bevis | 1 | 158-166 | C.J. Hutchings | 0 |
| 11. P. Dearlove | 1 | 159-167 | R.C. Campbell | 0 |
| 12. S.J. Shutler | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 157-157 | I.R. Pickup | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 13. Dr. J.F. Tilney-Bassett | 0 | 155-167 | J.K. Fawcett | 1 |
| 14. P. Anderson | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 150-162 | D. Hulme | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 15. F.V. Wallace | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 147-156 | N. Ludgate | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 16. D.W. Lock | 1 | 145-152 | H.J. Draisey | 0 |
| | <u>8</u> | | | <u>8</u> |

Minor Counties.

| <u>Dorset.</u> | | | <u>Gloucestershire.</u> | | |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| 17. | B.J. Broadhouse | 0 | 146-160 | G.P. Taylor | 1 |
| 18. | E. Twamley | 0 | 144-158 | K. Griffin | 1 |
| 19. | R. Kinnersley | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 142-130 | J.A.R. Cousins | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 20. | J. Bassett | 1 | 136-136 | S.W. Maggs | 0 |
| 21. | H.N. Dulson | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 143-153 | J.C.B. Date | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 22. | H.R. Holmes | 0 | 137-151 | R.J. Dixon | 1 |
| 23. | E.J. Clarke | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 140-152 | P. Ashworth | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 24. | M. Caulfield | 1 | -146 | A.F. Devonshire | 0 |
| 25. | R.J. Perrin | 0 | -141 | C. Powney | 1 |
| 26. | W.A. Shutler | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 129-130 | A.R. Bentley | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 27. | P. Mant | 0 | 125-138 | D.H.T. Spencer | 1 |
| 28. | L.P. Deeth | 0 | 125- | A. Howe | 1 |
| 29. | K. Spackman | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 120-126 | J. Lord | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 30. | R.A.G. Marples | 1 | 115-121 | G.W. Oliver | 0 |
| 31. | E. Wilson | 1 | -112 | H.K. Milbank | 0 |
| 32. | Default | 0 | -175 | D. Jarret | 1 |
| | | <u>$6\frac{1}{2}$</u> | | | <u>$9\frac{1}{2}$</u> |

West of England Chess Union.

Devon v Somerset played at Ilminster on 15th. November, 1975.

Somerset had White on the odd boards.

| <u>English Counties.</u> | | <u>Devon.</u> | | <u>Somerset.</u> | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------|------------------|---------------|
| 1. | A.R.B. Thomas | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 206- | R. Northage | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2. | P. Waters | 1 | 206-181 | D. Bonner | 0 |
| 3. | P. Broad | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 189-178 | J. Whitcutt | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 4. | I Legg | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 181-156 | C. Parsons | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5. | D. Richardson | 1 | 178-165 | R.W. Gregory | 0 |
| 6. | R. Amos | 1 | 172-154 | C. Lasper | 0 |
| 7. | T.F. Twynne | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 176-165 | A. Borkowski | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 8. | R. Weasman | 0 | 177-158 | D. Hick | 1 |
| 9. | K. Schofield | 0 | 170-159 | D. Neagle | 1 |
| 10. | R.M. Bruce | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 171-161 | C. Chapman | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 11. | P. Walden | 1 | 162-157 | M. Sellers | 0 |
| 12. | B.W. Clapp | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 167-156 | T. Headlong | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 13. | R.H.T. Newman | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 166- | A. Roberts | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 14. | J.K. Gross | 1 | -163 | B. King | 0 |
| 15. | Mrs. R.M. Bruce | 0 | 159-155 | B. Crouter | 1 |
| 16. | R. Liggitt | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 146-155 | G. Jepps | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | | <u>9</u> | | | <u>7</u> |

Minor Counties.

| | | | | | |
|-----|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 17. | S.R. Boniface | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 159-153 | C Winch | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 18. | R.N. Swan | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 149- | J. Tuck | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 19. | P. Halmkin | 0 | 154-167 | K. Shipton | 1 |
| 20. | J. Hutchings | 0 | 155-146 | E.G. Walker | 1 |
| 21. | E.G. Sparke | 0 | 158-156 | T. Wheeler | 1 |
| 22. | K.J. Bloodworth | 1 | 145-150 | R. Gray | 0 |
| 23. | H.R. Pearce | 0 | 150-148 | D. Woodruff | 1 |
| 24. | R.H. Jones | 0 | 151-148 | J. Fewkes | 1 |
| 25. | I Annetts | 0 | 149-148 | T.G. Farrell | 1 |
| 26. | J. Parker | 1 | 143- | T.O. Mahoney (Absent) | 0 |
| 27. | M.J. Roberts | 1 | 137- | D. White (Do) | 0 |
| 28. | Dr. R.W. Hitchcock | 1 | 136-130 | - Stanford | 0 |
| 29. | C. Gilbey | 1 | 147-146 | D. Byron | 0 |
| 30. | W.A. Frost | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 141 | D. Adams | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 31. | D. Evans | 1 | 145-144 | R. Maishman | 0 |
| 32. | T. Parker | 0 | 144-145 | M. Hick | 1 |
| | | <u>$7\frac{1}{2}$</u> | | | <u>$8\frac{1}{2}$</u> |

Hampshire v Somerset played at Bradford on Avon on 6th. December, 1975.
Somerset had White on the odd boards.

| <u>Hampshire.</u> | | | <u>Somerset.</u> | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <u>English Counties.</u> | | | | | |
| 1. | A. Brameld | 0 | 194-193 | R. Northage | 1 |
| 2. | G. Lambert | 1 | 193-178 | J. Whitcutt | 0 |
| 3. | M. Thompson | 1 | 186-156 | C. Parsons | 0 |
| 4. | A. Cullinane | 0 | 188-158 | D. Hick | 1 |
| 5. | M. Newbury | 0 | 190-167 | K. Shipton | 1 |
| 6. | D. Bell | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 168-158 | R.J. Gregory | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 7. | P. Andrews | 0 | 174-159 | D. Neagle | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 8. | N. Jackson | A | -165 | R.W. Gregory | A |
| 9. | A. Berry | 1 | 169-149 | S.H. Bricklesby | 0 |
| 10. | W.J. Yeeles | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 171-161 | C. Chapman | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 11. | A. Crossin | 1 | 161-165 | A. Borkowski | 0 |
| 12. | J. Corfield | 1 | 170-157 | M. Sellars | 0 |
| 13. | L. Walters | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 162-156 | T. Headlong | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 14. | P. Hackman | 1 | 163-155 | B. Crouter | 0 |
| 15. | S. Dean | 1 | 162-163 | B King | 0 |
| 16. | I. Stenhouse | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 165-154 | C. Lasper | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | | <u>9</u> | | | <u>6</u> + 1A |

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|------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|---------|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| <u>Minor Counties.</u> | | | | | |
| 17. | R. Walmisley | 0 | 157-153 | C. Winch | 1 |
| 18. | M. Clarke | 1 | 151-148 | D. Woodruff | 0 |
| 19. | D. Stringer | 0 | -148 | J. Fewkes | 1 |
| 20. | A. Barton | 0 | 162- | J. Tuck | 1 |
| 21. | W. Silber | 0 | 161-148 | T. Farrell | 1 |
| 22. | D. Drew | 1 | 157-139 | R. Bowden | 0 |
| 23. | S. Chivers | 1 | 150-150 | R. Gray | 0 |
| 24. | D. Beer | 0 | 146- | D. White | 1 |
| 25. | M. Street | 1 | 143-147 | C. Bradley | 0 |
| 26. | J. Charvill | 0 | 150-146 | D. Adams | 1 |
| 27. | R. Clark | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 145-141 | J. Hornby | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 28. | S. Le Fevre | 1 | 143-129 | D. Collins | 0 |
| 29. | M. Comben | 0 | 142-146 | D. Byron | 1 |
| 30. | M. Meaton | A | 130-143 | R. Morgan | A |
| 31. | C. Trotter | 1 | 134-130 | K. Hillier | 0 |
| 32. | K. Hancock | 1 | 146-130 | C. Stanford | 0 |
| | | <u>$7\frac{1}{2}$</u> | | | <u>$7\frac{1}{2}$</u> + 1A |

Cornwall v Gloucestershire. played at Exeter on 6th. December, 1975.
Cornwall had White on the odd boards.

| <u>Cornwall.</u> | | | <u>Gloucestershire.</u> | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| <u>English Counties.</u> | | | | | |
| 1. | P.H. Clarke | 1 | 217-187 | J.M. Aitken | 0 |
| 2. | R.J. Grime | 1 | 159-188 | M.E. Brigden | 0 |
| 3. | J. Anstead | 1 | 169-188 | D. Osborne | 0 |
| 4. | P. Brench | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 161-177 | R.O. Powis | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5. | Mrs. M.E. Clarke | 1 | 169-184 | S.W. Dilkes | 0 |
| 6. | A.J. Gunn | 0 | 150-167 | R.C. Campbell | 1 |
| 7. | J.R. Read | 0 | 146-157 | I.R. Pickup | 1 |
| 8. | W.R. Provis | 0 | 115-175 | D.C. Jarrett | 1 |
| 9. | R.P. Fry | 0 | 131-161 | R.C. Last | 1 |
| 10. | K. Gay | 1 | -160 | G.P. Taylor | 0 |
| 11. | L.G. Shroll | 0 | 134-136 | S.W. Maggs | 1 |
| 12. | A.H. Knight | 0 | 139-153 | J.C.B. Date | 1 |
| 13. | J. Hampton | 0 | 137-151 | R.J. Dixon | 1 |
| 14. | E. Clarke | 0 | 122-150 | J.A.R. Cousins | 1 |
| 15. | J.J. Van Der Velde | 1 | -121 | J.R.B. Steadman | 0 |
| 16. | W.H. Peck | 0 | 121- | A. Howe | 1 |
| | | <u>$6\frac{1}{2}$</u> | | | <u>$9\frac{1}{2}$</u> |

Devon v Wiltshire played at Ilminster on 6th. December, 1975.
Devon had white on the odd boards.

| <u>Devon.</u> | | | <u>Wiltshire.</u> | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <u>English Counties.</u> | | | | | |
| 1. | P. Waters | 0 | 206-185 | S. Taulbut | 1 |
| 2. | G.W. Wheeler | 1 | 188- | A. Millington | 0 |
| 3. | I. Legg | 1 | 181-171 | P.R. Watson | 0 |
| 4. | R. Amos | 1 | 176-175 | M.A. Spindler | 0 |
| 5. | R.M. Bruce | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 171-163 | W. Lowe | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6. | R. Heasman | 0 | 177-157 | R.F. Bradley | 1 |
| 7. | K. Schofield | 0 | 170-157 | D. Hale | 1 |
| 8. | P. Walden | 1 | 162-161 | D. O'Bryne | 0 |
| 9. | B.W. Clapp | 1 | 167-150 | R. Lane | 0 |
| 10. | R. Lingman | 0 | -153 | E.C. Sowden | 1 |
| 11. | R.H.T. Newman | 1 | 166-144 | J. Denning | 0 |
| 12. | J.K. Gross | 0 | -152 | P. Edgington | 1 |
| 13. | Mrs. R.M. Bruce | 1 | 159-152 | P. Barker | 0 |
| 14. | R. Liggitt | 1 | 146-140 | E.C. Baker | 0 |
| 15. | S.R. Boniface | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 159-149 | T. Higgs | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 16. | R.N. Swan | 1 | 149- | P. O'Driscoll | 0 |
| | | 10 | | | 6 |

| | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------|----------------|----------------|
| <u>Minor Counties.</u> | | | | | |
| 17. | P. Cowdrey | 1 | 154-136 | M.C. Lovell | 0 |
| 18. | P. Halmkin | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 154-147 | T. Dodson | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 19. | J. Hutchinson | 1 | 155-132 | D. Ward | 0 |
| 20. | K.J. Bloodworth | 1 | 145- | J. Dove | 0 |
| 21. | E.G. Sparke | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 158-149 | Dr. P. Hopkins | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 22. | C. Scott | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 135-122 | M. Webb | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 23. | I. Annetts | 1 | 149- | P.R. Manning | 0 |
| 24. | J. Parker | 0 | 143- | P. O'Driscoll | 1 |
| 25. | M.J. Roberts | 1 | 137- | A. Jones | 0 |
| 26. | C. Gilbey | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 147-118 | L.T. Peach | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 27. | W.A. Frost | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 141-121 | T. Dawkins | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 28. | D. Evans | 1 | 145-128 | M. Wakefield | 0 |
| 29. | Dr. R.L. Oppenheim | 1 | 143-122 | M. Higgs | 0 |
| 30. | T. Parker | 1 | 144-126 | R. Allen | 0 |
| 31. | Jane Anson | 1 | 131-129 | D. Perrott | 0 |
| 32. | E.C. Prady | 0 | 124-133 | R. Wardell | 1 |
| | | $11\frac{1}{2}$ | | | $4\frac{1}{2}$ |

TORBAY CONGRESS .

The Torbay Congress was held at the Seymour Hotel, Totnes on 22nd. and 23rd. November. This delightful congress was opened by Ralph Newman and perfectly controlled by Joan Parker who celebrated the occasion by having her Silver Wedding Dinner on the Saturday evening at the hotel with her husband John and her son and daughter-in-law.

It was the second year that this Congress has chosen the Seymour Hotel as its venue and as Mr. Newman said later at the prize giving it must surely rate as being one of the happiest, best organised and luxurious congresses in the Country. Hearty congratulations to the hotel, their staff and the organisers of this congress.

Results. 1 - R. Bellin, A.J. Miles S/S; 3 - A Grant, J. O'Dell, G. Wheeler, K.J. Wicker; 4 74 competed. Upset of the congress? surely 206 graded kid. Wicker's loss to lll A.J.L. Wade.

PAIGNTON CONGRESS.

The Annual Paignton Congress was again held at Oldway Mansions in the early part of September. Many competitors brought their families and reasonable weather ensured all members of the family had an enjoyable week. Two competitors from New Zealand gave the chess events an international flavour.

Results. Premier - 1. R. Bellin 6/7, 2. J. Kinlay 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Challengers 'A' G. Homer 6 $\frac{1}{2}$; Challengers 'B' R.M. Sellars 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Premier Reserves - 'A': Mrs. D. Wright, R. MacBrayne 5; 'B': M. Bird 6;
'C': P.L. Cook 5 $\frac{1}{2}$; 'D': D.N. Whiting 5 $\frac{1}{2}$; 'E': J.W. Thornley 5.
Major - 'A': A.M. Dunlop 6 $\frac{1}{2}$; 'B': G. Finlay, K. Francis 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'C': N.C. Bowley 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Graded Swiss - N.A. Johnson, N.M. White, V. Cronin 5 $\frac{1}{2}$.

VBC IS A STIMULATING VARIANT.

Many variants of the game of chess have been invented, the majority soon fading into oblivion, although a few have survived, notably Kriegspiel. Perhaps it is significant that in Kriegspiel the normal rules of chess apply except that each player is certain only of the position of his own pieces and has to discover his opponent's moves and position of pieces by suitable questions and answers through a third party.

Another variation that may catch on if only as a stimulating diversion for special occasions is Varied Baseline Chess (VBC). In this variant each player is free to arrange the pieces on his base-line as he likes, but without knowing how his opponent is disposing of his own pieces. Apart from minor modifications concerning castling, all other rules remain unchanged.

The chief advantage of VBC is that it puts a premium on inventive skill and original thinking, and virtually nullifies the value of memorised bookwork on openings that have been explored in depth. It therefore favours innate ability at the expense of acquired technique, and the results may well cast a new light on the relative ranking of players.

The chief disadvantage is that VBC introduces an element of luck. A player may have chosen an arrangement for his pieces which turns out to be particularly suitable or unsuitable for meeting his adversary's set-up.

In the belief that quite a number of players will wish to explore the possibilities of VBC, a first tournament will be held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton on Sunday, February 29, from 11 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. An analysis of the best games will subsequently be published as part of a book on the subject by Harry Golombek.

Details of this event can be had from Michael Bizony, Sedgwick Park, Horsham, Sussex.

"Chess for Young Beginners" (W. McLeod & R. Mongredian Collins £1.50)

How often have you tried to teach the youngsters to play chess and failed? Well now let the children loose on this book and sit back to let it do the work for you successfully. The book depends on its excellent illustrations by J.P. Colbus (in colour throughout) to hold the attention of the reader whilst showing the basic moves and then progressing to elementary strategy. Each chapter is concluded with practice examples for the reader to solve. The book is clear, concise and a pleasure to sit and thumb through and should hold the interest of any young reader. An excellent first buy for any youngster to start on the game of chess.

I have recently completed my first game by telephone, which I hope to be cheaper than postage if one can discipline oneself to refrain from wasting words. I am black against an enthusiastic schoolboy, C. Rice of Andover, and the game is notable for its sharp tactical play between moves 10 and 20 and the moral that it is not so much how much material you have but where it happens to be that matters

1. P-KB4, P-Q4; 2. P-QN3 (rather to my surprise, this move is in "the book", but it is normally followed by 2...B-N5; 3. P-N3, N-KB3) 2...N-KB3; 3. B-N2, N-B3; 4. N-KB3, B-N5; 5. P-K3, P-K3; 6. B-K2, KB-B4; 7. O-O (castling into potential danger) 7...P-Q5!; 8. Q-B1, PxP; 9. PxP, Q-Q3; 10. R-Q1, QxP?! (the move which dictates the future course of the game); 11. N-Q4, BxN; 12. RxB? (I expected 12. BxB, NxB; 13. BxB! QxB; 14. PxN, N-K5; 15. R-B1 and all that black has gained is a single pawn) 12...NxR; 13. B-N5 ch, NxB; 14. PxQ, O-O-O; 15. Q-K3, R-Q8 ch; (black seeks to exploit white's lack of development); 16. K-B2, R(1)-Q1; 17. P-QR4, QN-Q3; 18. BxN (forced) 18...PxB; 19. P-KR3, B-B4; 20. Q-K2, R-B8!; 21. Q-K3, N-K5 ch; 22. K-B3, RxP; 23. P-KN4, B-N3; 24. P-B5, PxP; 25. PxP, BxP; 26. K-B4, B-N3; 27. N-R3, R-B7 ch; 28. K-N4, R-Q4! (black's minor pieces are closing in for the kill); 29. P-R4? (fatal, but it is difficult to find a good move for white at this stage) 29...P-R4 ch.; 30. K-R3, B-B4 mate.

J.F.C. Grant.

This game was played in the Devon Junior Congress last month. D.A. Hick was the runner up in the West of England Junior Championship last year.

D.A. Hick (Taunton School) Black. D. Miles (Devonport High School) White

1. PK4, PQB3; PQ4, PQ4; NQB3, PxP; NxP, BB4; NN3, BN3; PKR4, PB3; NB3, PK3; BQB4, BB2; QK2, QQ2; BB4, NK2; OOO, NQ4; 12. BQ2, BK2; 13. PR5, PQN4; 14. BN3, PR4; 15. PB4, PR5; 16. BB2, NN5; 17. BxN, BxB; 18. PB5, QQ4; 19. BNL, PR6; 20. PN3, BB6; BK4, QQ2; 22. NB5, OO; 23. NQ6, PK4; 24. NxB, QxN; 25. BB2, NQ2; 26. QK4, PB4; 27. QxQBP, KRBl; 28 QxNP, PxP; 29. PB6, N.1; 30. NxP, BxN; 31. RxB, NxBP; 32. RQ6, RR4; 33. RxN, RxR; 34. QxR(6), Resigns.

CORNWALL NEWS.

COUNTY SHIELD COMPETITION AS AT 31.12.75.

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | Pts. |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|------|
| Godolphin A | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 10 |
| St. Austell A | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| Camborne A | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| Liskeard | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| St. Ives. | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 7 |
| St. Austell B | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| Truro | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| Perranporth/Newquay | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Truro School | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Godolphin B | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 2 |
| Poltair | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Camborne B | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |

(Adjudicated Games Not Included)

Cornwall Congress held at Truro School in the first weekend of January. There were 46 entries.

Results: Emigrant Cup: 1st. M. Watkins (St. Ives) 4½ 2nd. J. Anstead (Truro) 4
 Falmouth Cup. 1st. A. Barkhuysen (St. Ives) 5; 2nd. A. Anderson (St. Ives) 3½
 Napier Cup. (Under 18): 1st. M. Prettejohn 4 pt.

BRISTOL & DISTRICT CHESS NEWS.

League Table 31st. Dec. 1975.

| <u>Div. 1.</u> | <u>Pl.</u> | <u>Points.</u> | <u>Div. 4</u> | <u>Pl.</u> | <u>Points.</u> |
|----------------|------------|----------------|----------------|------------|----------------|
| Downend A | 7 | 13 | Congresbury A | 10 | 20 |
| University A | 8 | 12 | Yatton C | 10 | 12 |
| Clifton A. | 8 | 11 | University F | 10 | 11 |
| Kinswood A | 8 | 8 | Keynsham B | 10 | 11 |
| Clifton B | 7 | 6 | Omnibus | 10 | 11 |
| University C | 7 | 6 | Kingswood D | 11 | 11 |
| Totterdown | 8 | 6 | Civ. Service A | 9 | 10 |
| Downend B | 5 | 4 | Cabot B | 10 | 10 |
| Sea Mills A | 7 | 4 | Thornbury B | 8 | 8 |
| University B | 7 | 2 | Clifton E | 9 | 6 |
| | | | Patchway B | 10 | 4 |
| | | | Pegasus B | 10 | 4 |
| <u>Div. 2.</u> | | | | | |
| University D | 9 | 16 | | | |
| YMCA A | 7 | 12 | <u>Div. 5</u> | | |
| Yatton A | 7 | 12 | Phoenix | 9 | 13 |
| Horfield A | 8 | 11 | Thornbury C | 8 | 12 |
| Kingswood B | 8 | 11 | Horfield C | 9 | 12 |
| Yatton B | 6 | 7 | YMCA B | 11 | 12 |
| Cabot A | 9 | 6 | Natwest B | 10 | 11 |
| Downend C | 7 | 5 | Miles Druce | 9 | 10 |
| Sea Mills B | 9 | 3 | Downend D | 7 | 9 |
| Patchway A | 7 | 2 | Sea Mills D | 9 | 9 |
| Downend D | 9 | 1 | Univ. Staff | 11 | 9 |
| | | | University G | 10 | 6 |
| | | | Congresbury B | 10 | 6 |
| | | | Civ. Service B | 11 | 5 |
| <u>Div. 3.</u> | | | | | |
| Clifton C. | 9 | 15 | | | |
| Thornbury A. | 10 | 15 | | | |
| University E | 10 | 13 | | | |
| Kingswood C | 8 | 11 | | | |
| Keynsham A. | 6 | 8 | | | |
| Natwest A | 6 | 7 | | | |
| Pegasus A | 6 | 4 | | | |
| Horfield B | 6 | 4 | | | |
| Sea Mills C | 9 | 4 | | | |
| Clifton D | 7 | 3 | | | |
| Wills Hall | 10 | 3 | | | |

The Social Chess Society of Bristol has faded away. Born on March 5th. 1862, it consisted then of a membership of not more than 24 as mentioned in the copper plate handwriting of the original minute book. There never was a club room as such, the boards and men being transported in a wicker basket each month to the home of the member who was acting host for the evening. The buffet supper provided and the conversation were no doubt as great an attraction as the chess ! The host would choose an opening which was de regueuer thus enlarging members repertoire for every game at the next meeting of openings, even if only two or three moves! The second world war interrupted these affable gatherings of professional people but they were revived in 1946 by Mr. E.M. Shipman of Redland a member since 1933 and met weekly at his home. For a short time they had a team in the second division of the Bristol League but number faltered and it became onerous to field a team... friendly matches... numbers faltered again... old age and sleeplessness after chess guided us to close down completely. R.I.P.

When it comes to correspondence chess the Dragons (a team drawn from the members of Downend and Fishponds Chess Club) are up with the best in the country.

Following two successive wins and a third in the Bristol Postal Chess Championship, they have now registered another outstanding performance by coming third in Division 1 of the Postal Chess League. The winners were B.C.C.S. with 29 points, second London Central YMCA 27 points, with Dragons scoring $26\frac{1}{2}$ to take third place.

Each player in a team plays four games, a win counting as one point and a draw as half a point. The Dragons in board order scored as follows: R. Martin $3\frac{1}{2}$, D.C. Jarrett 2, P.K. Truseler $\frac{1}{2}$, Dr. P. Berks $2\frac{1}{2}$, D.E. March (Captain) 4, R. Evans $3\frac{1}{2}$, I.R. Pickup $2\frac{1}{2}$, P. Jones 2, A.Williams 4, R.H. Rowe 2.

With one exception all had scores of fifty per cent or over and two scored maximum points.

The New Year opens with a plea from C.L.A. Schaefer, secretary of the Bristol and District Chess League.

In spite of the increased fee of 30p. per lost adjudication, the number of games submitted for adjudication is greater than ever before. At present Mr. Schaefer holds over forty score sheets with no less than seventy-two adjudications outstanding.

Last season 301 adjudications were processed and this figure will be exceeded this season. A large proportion of games sent for adjudication are a waste of time and money as they do not affect the match results. They also cause unnecessary work for the Secretary, the Adjudications Secretary and the Adjudicators, all of them volunteers.

There is little doubt that the spate of adjudications is due to the grading system which is based on the results of games played. The over enthusiastic player is hopeful that the adjudicator will discover a win for him in a position which could reasonably have been agreed a draw and thus improve his grading by using another's brains.

The matter of unnecessary adjudications merits the further consideration of the Management Committee of the League before hard-pressed officers resign with none ready to take their place.

I think all leagues are suffering from this complaint. Has anyone got the answer?

DEVON LEAGUES.

Tables as at 7.1.76.

| <u>BREMIDGE TOURNAMENT.</u> | <u>Played</u> | <u>Won</u> | <u>Drawn</u> | <u>Lost</u> | <u>Points.</u> |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| Exeter | 2 | 1 | 1 | | $1\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Plymouth | 1 | 1 | | | 1 |
| Exeter University | 1 | | 1 | | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Teignmouth | 2 | | | 2 | 0 |

MAMHEAD TOURNAMENT.

| | <u>Played</u> | <u>Won</u> | <u>Drawn</u> | <u>Lost</u> | <u>Points.</u> |
|-------------------|---------------|------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| Teignmouth | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 2½ |
| Plymouth | 2 | 2 | | | 2 |
| Holsworthy | 3 | 1 | 1 | | 1½ |
| Torquay | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Barnstaple | 2 | | 1 | 1 | 1½ |
| Exeter | 3 | | 1 | 2 | 1½ |
| Exeter University | 1 | | | 1 | 0 |

SCHOFIELD TOURNAMENT.

| | | | | | |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|----|
| Plymouth | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 2½ |
| Totnes | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 2½ |
| Exmouth | 1 | 1 | | | 1 |
| RNEC | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Teignmouth | 3 | 1 | | 2 | 1 |
| Torquay | 2 | | | 2 | 0 |
| Exeter C.S. | 2 | | | 2 | 0 |

MOYLE TOURNAMENT.

| | | | | | |
|------------|---|---|--|---|---|
| Plymouth | 2 | 2 | | | 2 |
| Exeter | 3 | 2 | | 1 | 2 |
| Lynton | 1 | 1 | | | 1 |
| Tavistock | 3 | 1 | | 2 | 1 |
| Ilfracombe | 3 | 1 | | 2 | 1 |
| Teignmouth | 1 | | | 1 | 0 |
| Barnstaple | 1 | | | 1 | 0 |

Fifth Division.

| | | | | | |
|------------|---|---|---|---|----|
| Exmouth | 2 | 2 | | | 2 |
| Torquay | 1 | 1 | | | 1 |
| Exeter | 2 | | 1 | 1 | 1½ |
| Tavistock | 1 | | 1 | | 1½ |
| Holsworthy | 2 | | | 2 | 0 |

Exeter have beaten Redruth, Exmouth and Plymouth in the National Club Championship. Devon Individual Championship 1975-6 Knock-out section.

Semi-finals: Goodman v Wheeler, Hitchcock v Boniface.

Devon Individual Championship 1975-6 all-play-all section:

| | | | | |
|---------------|----------|-------|----------------|----------|
| P.H. Clarke | Played 2 | Won 2 | | Points 2 |
| M.E.E. Clarke | " 2 | " 1 | Lost 1 | Points 1 |
| M.C. Gilbey | " 1 | | Drawn 1 | Points ½ |
| M. Boag | " 3 | | Drawn 1 Lost 2 | Points ½ |

50-1 GAMBLE BY CHESS MASTER.

British and international chess master Tony Miles paid a flying visit to Plymouth yesterday to take on 50 young players—all at once. The matches were held at Plymouth College, where Mr. Miles moved rapidly from one opponent to the next, taking four or five seconds over each move.

The young players, members of Plymouth Schools Chess League, were left with three or four minutes to ponder their chances of defeating the champion before he returned, with a quick reply to their moves.

Mr. Miles, 21, who is studying at Sheffield University, is one of Britain's small handful of chess masters and is expected soon to gain the title of Grand Master.

He came to Plymouth at the invitation of Mr. Ken Bloodworth, president of the Plymouth Chess Club, who has known him for several years.

All the players were sponsored, and the money raised will help pay for the junior chess international Glorney and Faber Cups, to be contested in Plymouth next July.

BEATEN BY TWO. Two 17-year-old boys managed to win and five others drew, leaving Mr. Miles with 43 victories from his 1,800 moves in just over four hours.

The boys who won were Stephen Williams, a Devon County player from Sutton High School, and Martin Sommer who plays for the Plymouth Chess Club's third team.

One of the two girls competing, 15 year old Jane Anson from Devonport High School for Girls, drew.

Two primary schoolboys, although they lost managed to take Mr. Miles to over 40 moves. They were Andrew Porter of Montpelier School, and Iain Barley of Plymouth College Preparatory School.

Tony won 43; drew 5 and lost 2. This simultaneous together with one by Mr. A.R.B. Thomas have raised over £20.

Exeter & District Correspondence Chess Club.

The above Club was formed on 1.8.75. They have entered two teams of eight into the British Postal Chess League. They are also playing inter Club matches. The Club Secretary is Mr. M.J. Boag, 52 Elmside, Exeter (Tel. 78080)

A team from the Wanstead (Essex) Chess Club recently enjoyed Devonshire hospitality and some chess too - they beat Exeter 4-2 and Totnes 6-0, drew with Plymouth but lost 2-4 to Teignmouth.

The West Country supermarket chain Waltons sponsored a competition to find the 'Exmouth Chess Champion of the Year', the tournament being played over a fortnight in their shop window in the main street. Naturally enough there were many spectators! Winner was Ivan Legge (Rolle College), runner-up Chris Scott (Exmouth Comp. School). A prize for every entrant and for each club whose members competed, nearly £150 in all - and a special award for Stephen Adams whose idea sparked off the scheme.

NORTH DEVON CHESS NEWS.

Woolacombe Congress.

The Fifth North Devon Congress held over the two weekends, 10/12 October and 17/19 October at the Combes Hotel, Woolacombe, attracted a total entry of 264 players from Australia, New Zealand, France and Sweden as well as many parts of England and Wales, and is very firmly established on the chess calendar as a well organised congress with superb playing conditions and a happy atmosphere. Some players entered for both weekends, even travelling back as far as Manchester and Buckinghamshire in between the tournaments. The Congress was controlled by Mrs. M. Clarke aided by the remainder of the Hexagon and we are grateful to her for sending us the following results:-

The Golden Coast Tournament. (For players graded 155 and under).
1st. D.L. Green (Woodford Green) 5/5, = 2nd-6th. P.R. Archer (London), M.F. Driscoll (Wallasey), J.P. Fetterlein (Cheltenham), J.A. Spiegel (Southend), F.V. Wallace (Bournemouth) 4½/5.

Grading Prizes: J.P. Fetterlein and F.V. Wallace (131-140); C. Gilby (Plymouth) and K. Payne (Bridgwater) (121-130) 4 pts.; W.K. Jones (Holsworthy) (111-120) 4pts.; Mrs. P. Bromell (Holsworthy) and P. Rooke (Teignmouth) (101-110) 2½ pts.; W.D. Gill (London) (Below 101) 3pts.

A special prize of a half-gallon bottle of whisky, donated by Cutty Sark (U.K. Scotch Whisky) Ltd., was awarded to the non-prizewinner in the Golden Coast Tournament with the highest sum of opponents' scores. This was won by R.G. Keightley of Birmingham.

Scores of other North Devon players:- T. Parker (Lynton) 3 points; K.J. Verney (Ilfracombe) 2½; D. Evans (Barnstaple), N.A. Johnson (Bideford) E.H. Jones (Barnstaple) and R. Lock (Ilfracombe) 2; F.V. Pye (Barnstaple) 1½; F.R. Roberts (Combe Martin) 1 point.

The Barnstaple Open Tournament.

= 1st-2nd. G.H. Bennett (Bournemouth) and M. Fuller (Australia) 5/5.
= 3rd-4th. R. Bellin (Great Yarmouth) and J.R. Boyce (Bristol) 4½/5.
= 5th-13th. M. Chandler (New Zealand), P.W. Cotter (Birmingham), T.J. Gluckman (Bramhall), H. Lamb (Bolton), D.E. Rumens (Coulsdon), P. Waters (Barnstaple), J.K. Whitcutt (Inkberrow), B.H. Wood (Sutton Coldfield) 4/5.

Grading Prizes: M. Chandler (New Zealand) and R.F.T. Wood (Inkberrow) (200-191); J.R. Boyce (Bristol) (190-181); J.K. Whitcutt (Wellington) (180-171); T.J. Gluckman (Bramhall) (170-161); P.W. Cotter (Birmingham) (160-151); N. Cossins (Newport) and J.A. Tuck (Bath) (150-141) 3 points; S. Williams (Plymouth) (140-131) 3½ points; C. Gilby (Plymouth) (Below 131) 3½ points.

The Barnstaple Minor Tournament. (For players graded 140 and under).

1st. J. Hearn (Bridgwater) 4½/5; 2nd. P.A. Haliday (Bradford) 4/5; = 3rd-6th N.A. Johnson (Bideford), N. Naishman (Burnham-on-Sea), K.I. McCrea (Hadlow) A.J.L. Wade (Torquay), 3½/5.

NORTH DEVON CHESS LEAGUE

| <u>Teams.</u> | <u>Pl.</u> | <u>W.</u> | <u>D.</u> | <u>L.</u> | <u>Pts.</u> |
|--------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Barnstaple | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| A.M.P. Ltd., | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Bralton Felleming | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Lynton | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Ilfracombe | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Holsworthy Knights | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Bideford | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 |

Holsworthy Bishops
Pilton

2 0 1 1 1
4 0 0 4 0

Positions at 31.12.75.

A number of games are still awaiting for adjudication.

R.L.C.

DORSET NEWS.

Entries for Dorset League, Div. 1.

Parkstone (holders)
Weymouth.
Wincanton
Kinson - newcomers to the Dorset League.

Div. 2.

Parkstone II (holders)
Weymouth II
Yeovil
Bridport.
Dorchester.

Dorset Senior Championship - run this season as a 6 - round Swiss instead of a KO as in the past. Entry of 16 (in the past it was about 30)

R. Burton
E.J. Clarke
P. Dearlove
P. Mant
J.E. Trachy

Weymouth.

B.J. Broadhouse
E. Counihan
H.R. Holmes
R.H.K. Mann
R.A.G. Marples
M.J. Roth
S.J. Shutler
W.A. Shutler
Parkstone.

M.F. John Kinson.
C.R. Orchard Bournemouth Knights.

Nat. Club Championship Rd. 1. Parkstone 4 Gosport 2.
Parkstone now meet Southampton University in Round 2.

Dr. P. Merrett (Parkstone) gave simultaneous display in October against 12 fellow club members. Won 9, drew 1, lost 2.

A steady improvement in county results this season - could this be due to a policy of consistently reserving at least ten of the top 32 boards for juniors? The County Championship this year is a Swiss rather than a knock-out: which must be a considerable relief to local star, and several times previous holder, R.H.K. Mann; he was on the unhappy end of the first round's big upset, losing to Mervyn John, graded 57 points lower.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE NEWS.

The simultaneous display by Florian Gheorghiu at Arle Court was supported to an extent which can only be described as disappointing. Nearly all the top players of Cheltenham and Gloucester, like Achilles, lurked in their tents.

The 18 heroes who made the challenge to the Rumanian Grand Master were all swept aside in less than three hours and a 100 per cent score was recorded.

Even with the reservation expressed above, this was a good performance by Gheorghiu. His victims included R.O. and M.G. Powis and R.C. Last (all of Stroud), who were the last to surrender; N. Davey, R.C. Campbell, M. Strutt, Simon Finn and J. Fetterlein of Cheltenham and R.J. Dixon of Gloucester- all regular county players.

The best resistance probably came from the young Powis, who reached an ending where both sides had a king and three pawns, but two of Powis's pawns were on the same file, and Gheorghiu quickly indicated that he knew all Zugswang!

Gheorghiu's play was quick and decisive - he always took the shortest route to win. He made a beautiful queen sacrifice against Davey. His behaviour was invariably courteous, and this cannot be said of all Grand Masters. We will hope to see him again against stronger and more numerous opposition.

The final of the Gloucestershire club championship was won by Downend and Fishponds, who beat Stroud 8-2. The annual North v South match was won by the North, 27-13.

16 schools have entered for this year's County Schools Tournament. There are 18 entries for the under 15 individual championship and 12 in the under 18.

NORTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE LEAGUE. as at 31.12.75.

| <u>Division 1.</u> | <u>P</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>L</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>Pts</u> |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| Stroud | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 9 | 6 |
| Gloucester | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 21 | 11 | 6 |
| Rooks | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 14 | 18 | 2 |
| Knights | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 14 | 26 | 2 |

| <u>Division 2.</u> | <u>P</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>L</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>Pts</u> |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| Cheltenham | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 4 | 10 |
| Gloucester | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 16½ | 10½ | 8 |
| Stroud | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 16 | 5 |
| Cheltenham G.S. | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 12 | 18 | 4 |
| Marling School | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 16 | 3 |
| Dowty | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 6½ | 22½ | 0 |

| <u>Division 3 (North)</u> | <u>P</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>L</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>Pts</u> |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| Gloucester | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 18½ | 11½ | 8 |
| Rich's School | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 13 | 6 |
| Smiths | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 12½ | 11½ | 4 |
| Crypt School | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 13 | 4 |
| Knights | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 13 | 4 |
| Churchdown | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 16 | 0 |

| <u>Division 3 (West)</u> | <u>P</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>L</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>Pts</u> |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| Tewkesbury | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 8 | 12 |
| C.E.G.B. | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 22 | 8 | 8 |
| Gloucester | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 16½ | 12½ | 6 |
| G.A.L.A. | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 15 | 15 | 4 |
| Forest of Dean | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 16 | 20 | 4 |
| Whitecross School | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 13 | 22 | 4 |
| Whaddon | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2½ | 27½ | 0 |

| <u>Division 3 (South)</u> | <u>P</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>L</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>Pts</u> |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| Cheltenham College | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 30½ | 17½ | 12 |
| Nailsworth | 7 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 32 | 10 | 10 |
| Rooks | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 21½ | 14½ | 8 |
| Stroud | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 14½ | 21½ | 6 |
| Cirencester | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 11½ | 17½ | 4 |
| Wycliffe College | 6 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 25 | 2 |
| Cirencester School | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 19 | 0 |

HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE as at 31.12.75.

| | <u>P</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>Pts.</u> |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| <u>Div. 1.</u> Southampton University | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Southampton | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3½ | 1½ | 2 |
| Cosham | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 2 |
| Portsmouth | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2½ | 2½ | 1 |
| Fareham | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2½ | 2½ | 1 |
| Gosport | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4½ | 5½ | 1 |
| Isle of Wight 'A' | 3 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 1 |
| <u>Div. 2.</u> Andover | 2 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 4 |
| Oakmedians | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Kinson | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Salisbury | 3 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 7 | 2 |
| Portsmouth Polytechnic | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Isle of Wight 'B' | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 0 |

Portsmouth 'B' has withdrawn from Div. 2 and I.B.A. (Independent Broadcasting Authority) may also well have done so.

As a direct result of Miss Phyllis Loe's interest during her term of office as Lord Mayor, a permanent Trust Fund of £500 has now been set up to put the annual tournament for girls (three have already taken place) on a permanent basis.

To take part in this tournament, girls must be not older than 18 on the day it commences and either resident in the City of Portsmouth or receiving full time education in the city.

Portsmouth is now the only city in U.K. that possesses permanent charitable Chess foundations for all its young people. This, and the fact that Portsmouth now has a British Girl Champion, must afford considerable satisfaction to Miss Loe.

The Southampton Open Tournament attracted an entry of 118 players and the top prize of £100 was won by G.E.J. Lambert.

PORTSMOUTH CONGRESS.

Hampshire U-18 Championship: 1=T.P. Love, S.J. Hooker $4\frac{1}{2}/5$
 Hampshire U-16 Championship: 1. M.R. Charter $4\frac{1}{2}/5$
 Portsmouth Open U-18 Championship: T.P. Love $6/7$; 2. P. Markwell $5\frac{1}{2}$
 Portsmouth Open U-16 Championship: 1. S. George $4/5$.
 Portsmouth Open U-14 Championship: 1. D.C. Spurgeon $5/5$; 2. I Welch 4.
 Portsmouth Open U-12 Championship: 1= Michael Collier, Gary Scotney, Alison Smith, Michael Smith, Peter Wells. Wells won play-off.
 Portsmouth Open U-10 Championship: 1=Gary Scotney, Philip Spurgeon, Michael Vernon. Vernon won play-off.
 Portsmouth Open U-8 Championship: 1= Steve Conlon, Dave Kensett. Conlon won play-off.
 Portsmouth Girls U-18 Championship: 1= Carey Groves, Sharon Prince.
 Portsmouth Girls U-14 Championship: 1. Carey Groves $5/6$.

ANNUAL INTER-LEAGUE SCHOOL MATCH.

Portsmouth Schools 9 Southampton School 9
 (With one for adjudication.)
 Under 12 (Double Round)
 Portsmouth Schools 27 Southampton School 3.

SOMERSET NEWS.

League Tables on 31st. December, 1975. Games for adjudication omitted. Match result standing with omission - will be corrected later.

HENRY POWELL.

| (a) <u>East.</u> | <u>P</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>L</u> | <u>Pt.</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>Ag.</u> |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| Bath Bishops | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | $7\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Bath Knights | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Bradford-on-Avon "A" | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 5 |
| Claverton | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 6 |
| Corsham Whites | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | $6\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Norton Radstock | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | $8\frac{1}{2}$ |

| (b) <u>West.</u> | <u>P</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>L</u> | <u>Pt.</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>Ag.</u> |
|------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| Yatton | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 2 |
| Yeovil | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 4 |
| Taunton "A" | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 8 |
| Weston "A" | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | $3\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Wellington | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 8 |
| Bridgwater | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ |

CHARLES MARSH.

| (a) <u>East.</u> | <u>P</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>L</u> | <u>Pt.</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>Ag.</u> |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Bath University | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 13 | 5 |
| Kingswood | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 | $11\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Bath Blacks | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 4 |
| Bradford-on-Avon "B" | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 8 |
| Bath Whites | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | $8\frac{1}{2}$ | $9\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Bradford-on-Avon "C" | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 6 |
| Corsham Blacks | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 12 |
| Beechen Cliff | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 7 |
| King Edward School | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 20 |

| (b) <u>Central</u> | <u>P</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>L</u> | <u>Pt.</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>Ag.</u> |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|-----------------|----------------|
| EMI/Wells | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 13 | 5 |
| Downside | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | $11\frac{1}{2}$ | $6\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Wincanton | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 6 |
| Millfield | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| Frome | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | $6\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Tinsbury | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| Street | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 |

| (c) <u>West.</u> | <u>P</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>L</u> | <u>Pt.</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>Ag.</u> |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Taunton "B" | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 10 | 2 |
| Burnham-on-Sea | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 4 |
| Minehead | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 7 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Weston "B" | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | $6\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Bridgwater College | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | $7\frac{1}{2}$ | $10\frac{1}{2}$ |
| British Cellophane | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | $6\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Bridgwater "B" | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | $13\frac{1}{2}$ |

SOMERSET CHESS ASSOCIATION.

Matches played in December, 1975.

1. HENRY POWELL

(a) East.

| | | | |
|-----------------|----|------------------|----|
| Norton Radstock | 2 | Bradford-on-Avon | 4 |
| Bath Knights | 3½ | Corsham Whites | 1½ |

(b) West.

| | | | |
|--------|----|-------------|---|
| Yatton | 5½ | Taunton "A" | ½ |
|--------|----|-------------|---|

2. CHARLES MARSH.

(a) East.

| | | | |
|----------------------|----|---------------------|----|
| Kingswood School | 5 | King Edwards School | 1 |
| Bradford-on-Avon "C" | 2 | University | 4 |
| Corsham Blacks | 2½ | Bath Blacks | 3½ |
| Bradford "B" | 3 | Bath Whites | 3 |
| Bath University | 4 | Bradford "B" | 2 |
| Beechen Cliff | 1½ | Kingswood | 2½ |

2 for Adjudication.

(b) Central.

| | | | |
|------------------|---|----------------|---|
| Wincanton | 1 | EMI/Wells | 5 |
| Downside | 6 | Street | 0 |
| Millfield School | 4 | Downside Abbey | 2 |
| Frome | 3 | EMI/Wells | 3 |

(c) West.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----|-------------------------------|----|
| Taunton "B" | 5 | Minehead | 1 |
| Weston "B" | 4½ | Bridgewater College | 1½ |
| British Cellophane Ltd. | 2½ | Bridgewater Technical College | 3½ |
| Bridgewater II | 0 | Minehead | 6 |
| Burnham | 4½ | Bridgewater | 1½ |

Twenty-one members entered for the Weston Chess Club's Annual Lightning Tournament. A total of 79 games was completed in two and a half hours at ten seconds per move. After a very close finish, there was a tie for first prize between R.M. Morgan and E.G. Walker with scores of 6½ out of 8.

The Junior prize was shared by Nicky Miller and Stephen Pike with scores of 4½ out of 8. Top positions: E.G. Walker and R.M. Morgan 6½; P. Board 6; R. Bryant 5½; P.F. Langstone 5; B.T. Crouter, R Maisham, N. Miller and S. Pike 4½; S James, J. Parsons and R. Smith 4;

WILTSHIRE.

I have had no news what so ever from the Wiltshire Officials.

WEST OF ENGLAND CHESS UNION.

The 31st. West of England Chess Congress will be held in the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare, by kind permission of Woodspring District Council. It will be from Thursday April 15th. until Monday April 19th. 1976.

The following tournaments will be held:-

1. THE WEST OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP. Trophy:- The West of England Cup.

This will be contested under the following rules - it will be a 7 round 'Swiss' contest comprising 20 players. If more than 20 enter, those to play will be selected by the W.E.C.U. selection committee. Should the committee be unable to reach a decision, 'Play-offs' prior to the Congress will be played. The winner will be presented with the trophy; if 2 tie, championship will be shared, but sum of opponents scores will decide the order for nomination to the British Championship. If 3 or more tie, the championship itself will be decided by sum of opponents scores, though prize money will be divided between all.

2. THE WEST OF ENGLAND CHALLENGERS TOURNAMENT. Trophy:- The "Evening Post" Cup.

6 round 'Swiss' tournament of up to 20 players. The first 2 will receive invitations for the 1977 Championship.

3. THE WEST OF ENGLAND RESERVES TOURNAMENT. Trophy:- The "Beatrice Pearce" Cup.

6 round "Swiss" Tournament; first two invited to 1977 Challengers.

4. THE WEST OF ENGLAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP. (Under 18) Trophy:- The "Western Morning News" Cup.
6 round "Swiss" tournament for not more than 16 players.
5. THE WEST OF ENGLAND GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIP. (Under 18)
Trophy:- The "Wilson Osborne" Cup
6. THE WEST OF ENGLAND MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP. (Under 15)
Trophy:- The "Mrs. Wilson Osborne" Cup.
5 & 6 "Swiss" or American. 4 & 6 send playing records. Ages from 1st. September, 1975.
7. THE WEST OF ENGLAND LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP Trophy:- The "Elizabeth Walker" Cup.
8. THE WEST OF ENGLAND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP. Trophy:- The "Bath & Wilts Chronicle" Cup
6 round contest of not more than 12 players; mainly for strong players who do not qualify for the Championship.
9. ALL PLAY ALL TOURNAMENTS.
In graded sections of 6 players who are not so strong; one round per day.

CLOSING DATES FOR ENTRIES CHAMPIONSHIP. To be received by 1st. March, 1976.
OTHERS. " " " " 5th. April, 1976.

The W.E.C.U. reserves the right to refuse the entry of an intended competitor without reason given, or to transfer any entry to another section. There will be prizes in all tournaments, mainly pro-rata to the number in the section.

FIRST ROUND. CHAMPIONSHIP 9 a.m. Thursday 15th. April.
 OTHERS approx. 5.20 p.m. Thursday 15th. April.

The Union depends entirely on voluntary contributions to defray expenses on the Congress and any amount you can give as a donation will be gratefully acknowledged.

This year's Congress would have been held in Hampshire, but excessive costs have prevented this; even in Weston the costs will be far more than ever before. I do hope competitors are generous as regards donations.

QUALIFICATIONS OF PLAYERS. (Except for Open and All-play-all).

Bona-fide registered players of the Association of an affiliated County, direct or through an affiliated club. Also one of the following:-
(a) Birth in that county (b) 5 years consecutive residence in that county at one time (c) present residence in that county from October 1st. immediately prior to the Congress. (d) 2 years immediately previous and present subscribing member of an affiliated club in that county and residence within 25 miles of the club. (e) attendance as a University student in that county. (f) present residence or attendance at a school or college in that county.

ENTRIES. These should be sent to the Congress Secretary:-
E.G. WALKER,
"Meadow Nook" 18, Homefield, Locking, Avon. BS24 8ED
Tel: Banwell 2149.

THE THIRD NORTH DEVON CHESS LEAGUE SPRING CONGRESS will be held over the weekend 23/25th. April, 1976 and will consist of two tournaments. The "Taw Tournament" is for players graded 150 and below, and the "Torridge Tournament" for those graded 125 and below. In each Tournament prizes are £40, £20, £10, plus grading and other special prizes, and in addition the winner of each tournament is presented with a beautiful Trophy to hold for one year and a replica to keep. The Congress will again be held at the Barnstaple Motel, situated on the outskirts of North Devon's main shopping centre and on the bus route from Barnstaple to Ilfracombe. The entry fee is £3.50. Further details from Congress Secretary, Timothy Parker, 2 Rock Avenue, Lynton, Devon.

As this Congress was particularly designed for the Western Union players of the grades indicated, all Union members are very cordially asked to support this Congress.

CONGRESSES.

1. Feb. 6-8 Portsmouth: Details - A. Driscoll, 62, Margate Road, Southsea, Portsmouth.
2. March 19-21 East Devon at Exeter University. Congress Secretary - K. Schofield, 4 Boucher Road, Budleigh Salterton, Devon EX9 6HG.
3. May 28-31 Cotswould Chess Congress at Stroud. Details from A.J. Wood, 30 Badminton Road Matson, Gloucester (Tel. Bellegate 4346.

4. JUNE 25-27 BRISTOL CONGRESS at Grand Hotel, Bristol.
Full details to be announced soon.

A venue is required for the 1977 British Lightning Chess Championship. Any Club interested in staging this event should contact the BCF Secretary. A year or two ago the H anham & Kingswood Club ran the event extremely successfully and no doubt, they would be happy to advise any enterprising club which might take it on.

I hope that I have included all the news from the region during the last three months, if I have missed any, it is because it has not been sent to me. I am still looking for articles and letters. Could you send me your Club History for publication?

The next Westward Ho will be published after the next BCF executive meeting on March 13th. League tables, results in by 10th. March please.

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